



## CITY OF ATLANTA

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October 7, 2002

President Cathy Woolard and  
Members of Atlanta City Council  
City Hall, Suite 2900 South  
68 Mitchell Street SW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30335

**RE: Appointment to the Woodruff Park Board of Directors**

Dear President Woolard and Members of the Council:

It is a pleasure for me to appoint **James R. Cothran** to serve as a member of the **Woodruff Park Board of Directors** of the City of Atlanta. This appointment is for a **term of two (2) years**, scheduled to begin on the date of Council confirmation.

I am confident that Mr. Cothran will serve the Woodruff Park Board of Directors with distinction. A resume is attached for your perusal.

Sincerely,



Shirley Franklin

Enclosures

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**PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION:**

- 1978 Master of Science, City Planning - Georgia Institute of Technology - Atlanta, GA
- 1969 Master of Landscape Architecture - University of Georgia - Athens, GA
- 1962 Bachelor of Science, Ornamental Horticulture - Clemson University - Clemson, SC

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

***Robert and Company-Architects, Engineers, Planners and Landscape Architects-Atlanta, GA***

- 1981-Present Vice President - Planning and Landscape Architecture Division.  
First Landscape Architect to become a Vice President and Member of the Board of Directors of the Firm since its establishment in 1917.
- 1978-1981 Assistant Vice President - Planning and Landscape Architecture Division.  
Instrumental in developing a Planning and Landscape Architecture Division with a regional, national, and international focus.

1970-1978 Landscape Architect/Planner

***Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Atlanta, GA***

1968-1970 Planner/Landscape Architect - Site Planning/Housing Division

***Robert Marvin and Associates, Landscape Architects - Walterboro, SC***

1967 Summer Internship

***Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolfe, Architects, Engineers and Planners - Columbia, SC***

1966 Summer Internship

***South Carolina Highway Department, Landscape Division - Columbia, SC***

1965 Summer Internship

**RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 2002 University of Georgia - Athens, GA - Master of Historic Preservation/School of Environmental Design - Adjunct Professor - (Fall Semester)
- 1999-2001 Georgia State University - Atlanta, GA - Heritage Preservation Study Abroad Program - Adjunct Professor
- 1990-Present Georgia State University - Atlanta, GA - Master of Heritage Preservation Program - Adjunct Professor
- 1972-Present The National Council of State Garden Clubs - Landscape Design Study Program - Numerous lectures on Landscape Architecture/Design - Instructor

**PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS:** Registered Landscape Architect: 1980-Florida-#642;

1977-South Carolina-#54; 1971-Georgia-#326

**ASLA ACTIVITIES:**

- 2002 ASLA - Invited Participant/Facilitator - Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) Initiative Program - New Orleans, LA. - Sponsored by ASLA and NPS
- 2001-2002 ASLA - Invited Participant - Educational video on the Practice of Landscape Architecture in SC. - SC Chapter ASLA. Recipient of President's Award of Excellence - Tri-State (GA, SC, NC) ASLA Professional Awards Program
- 1998-Present ASLA - Historic Preservation - Professional Interest Group
- 1981 ASLA - Georgia Chapter - President
- 1980 ASLA - Georgia Chapter - Vice President
- 1978 ASLA - Georgia Chapter - Editor - "A Guide to Landscape Architecture in Atlanta"
- 1976 ASLA - Georgia Chapter - Treasurer
- 1974 ASLA - Georgia Chapter - Secretary
- 1973-Present ASLA - Participant - Various committees, special interest groups, and initiatives
- 1973-1979 ASLA - Georgia Chapter - Newsletter Editor
- 1969-Present ASLA - Member
- Past Service ASLA - Georgia Chapter - Participation in various chapter activities/events/boards

**HONORS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS: (Selected List)****National ASLA:**

1982 Georgia Townscape Conservation Program - Merit Award

**Georgia Chapter ASLA:**

1995 Stone Mountain Park Master Plan - Merit Award

1991 River Road Master Plan - University of Georgia - Merit Award

1990 Installation Design Guides - Fort McPherson - Merit Award

1988 Atlanta Zoo Revitalization Plan - Merit Award

1988 Base Exterior Architecture Plan - Charleston Naval Weapons Station - Merit Award

1987 Douglasville Design Review Guidelines - Merit Award

1987 Fairburn Revitalization Master Plan - Merit Award

1982 Fairlie-Poplar Redevelopment Master Plan - Merit Award

**Southeast Region ASLA:**

1999 Montezuma Streetscape Master Plan - Merit Award

**Georgia Planning Association:**

1988 Douglasville Design Guides - Meritorious Public Project

1988 McCallie School Campus Master Plan - Excellence in Planning

1988 Charleston Naval Base Exterior Architecture Plan

1987 Fairburn Revitalization Master Plan - Meritorious Public Project

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS:****Georgia Chapter ASLA:**

1996 Gardens of Historic Charleston (Book) - Honor Award

**Southeast Region ASLA:**

1999 Georgia Historic House and Garden Pilgrimage - Merit Award

**The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.:**

1996 "In Recognition for Outstanding Contributions" - Certificate of Merit - (Highest Award Offered an Individual)

**National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.:**

1998 "For 25 Years of Dedicated Service and Support of the Landscape Design Study Program"

**Historic Preservation Division - Department of Natural Resources - State of Georgia:**

1999 Certificate of Appreciation "For Contributions to the Georgia National Register Review Board"

1999 Certification of Achievement "For Outstanding Contributions to Historic Preservation in Georgia"

**PUBLIC SERVICE:**

2002-2005 Southern Garden History Society - Vice President (President-Elect 2004)

2001-2004 The Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation - Board of Trustees

1999-2004 Southern Garden History Society - Board of Directors - (Consecutive Terms)

1998-Present Atlanta Tree Conservation Commission - Member - (Consecutive Terms)

1996-Present Cherokee Garden Library - Acquisitions Committee - Chairman

1995-Present Cherokee Garden Library - Atlanta History Center - Board of Trustees

1988-Present Emory University, Adult Education Program - "Landscape Plants for Atlanta Homes and Gardens" - Instructor

1988-1992 University of Georgia, School of Environmental Design - Alumni Steering Committee

1987-1990 City of Atlanta, Tree Preservation Review Board - Chairman

1985-Present Trees Atlanta - Board of Directors

1980-1983 Atlanta Community Design Center - Board of Directors

1980-1983 Atlanta Botanical Garden - Board of Trustees

1979-1982 Atlanta Downtown Tree Guild - Chairman

1978-1981 Atlanta Urban Design Commission - Member

1970-Present The National Council of State Garden Clubs, Landscape Design Study Course - Instructor

**PUBLICATIONS:** (Selected List)

- 2003** Author - **Gardens and Historic Plants of the Antebellum South** - (Forthcoming Book) - University of South Carolina Press - Columbia, SC
- 2001** Introduction - Reprint of **Ladies' Southern Florist** by Mary C. Rion - (Book first published in 1860) - University of South Carolina Press - Columbia, SC
- 2001** **The New Georgia Encyclopedia** - (A project of the Georgia Humanities Council) - Entries on various landscape architecture and garden-related topics
- 1995** Author - **Gardens of Historic Charleston** - (Book) - University of South Carolina Press - Columbia, SC - Presently in third printing
- 1995** **The Southern Heirloom Garden** - (Book - Chapter on "Parterre Gardens of the Old South") - Taylor Publishing Company - Dallas, TX
- 1989** "Historic Street Furniture and Urban Landscape Features in Georgia's Downtowns" - Neel Reid Research Fellowship
- 1970** "The Downtown Pedestrian Shopping Mall, Its History Development and Future in the Urban Environment" - National Endowment of the Arts - Research Grant
- ♦ Numerous articles, reports, and studies on a wide range of subjects/topics relating to landscape architecture, planning, urban design, and landscape preservation.

**PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:** (Selected List of Recent Lectures)

- 2002** "Historic Landscape/Garden Resources" - Atlanta, GA - Tri-State ASLA Conference (GA, SC, NC)
- 2002** "Treasured Ornamentals of Southern Gardens - Michaux's Lasting Legacy" - Belmont, NC - International Symposium on Andre Michaux, Noted French Botanist (1746-1802)
- 2002** Landscape Legacy of the Southeast - Athens, GA - Southern Garden Heritage Conference
- 2002** Landscape Architect, Loutrel Briggs (1893-1977) and Charleston's Garden Heritage - Charleston, SC - Historic Charleston Foundation
- 2001** "Garden, Groves, and Ornamental Plants of the Old South" - New Orleans, LA - Historic New Orleans Collection/Museum
- 2000** "Gardens and Historic Plants of the Antebellum South" - Columbia, SC - University of South Carolina - Institute for Southern Studies
- 2000** Keynote Address - "Divergent Garden Paths From the Eighteenth Century: The Southern Gardens of Eighteenth Century Savannah, GA versus Charleston, SC" - Savannah, GA - Southeast American Society for Eighteenth Century Studies
- 2000** "Old and Forgotten Plants of Southern Gardens" - Atlanta, GA - Southern Nursery Association, Inc. - Annual Conference
- 2000** "Urban Forestry: Our Heritage" - Savannah, GA - Georgia Urban Forest Council - Annual Conference
- 2000** "Historic Landscape Research: Methods and Strategies" - Athens, GA - Southern Garden Heritage Conference
- 1999** "Historic Landscapes and Gardens" - Charleston, SC - Restoration and Renovation Conference
- 1999** "Gardens of Historic Charleston" - Charleston, SC - The Garden Conservancy's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference and Celebration
- 1999** "Gardens, Groves, and Historic Plants of the Antebellum South" - Winston-Salem, NC - 12<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference on Restoring Southern Gardens and Landscapes
- 1999** "Preserving Historic Landscapes" - Atlanta, GA - Georgia Chapter AIA - Annual Conference

**MEMBERSHIP IN ALLIED SOCIETIES:**

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| ♦ American Planning Association                     | ♦ National Trust for Historic Preservation |
| ♦ The Southern Garden History Society               | ♦ Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation  |
| ♦ Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation      | ♦ Georgia Downtown Development Association |
| ♦ The Garden Conservancy                            | ♦ Georgia Planning Association             |
| ♦ Historic Preservation ASLA Special Interest Group | ♦ Rotary Club of Atlanta                   |